

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-01-13

Issued at Dillingham, Alaska
January 4, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
January 6, 2013

Expiration Date: June 30, 2013
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the State of Alaska resident hunting season for moose in registration permit hunt RM575. The area open for this moose hunt includes Game Management Unit 17(A). All other moose hunting regulations in the remainder of GMU 17 are not affected by this emergency order. Permits will be available only at the Dillingham ADF&G office and Togiak Traditional Council office. Permits are available only to hunters who have not killed a moose during the current regulatory year. Possession of the registration permit and a valid hunting license is required.

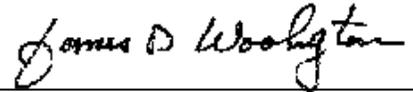
REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(15), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(15)		
Unit 17(A)		
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1 antlered bull by registration permit; during the period Dec. 1–Jan. 31, a season of up to 14 days may be announced by emergency order	Jan. 9 – Jan. 22	No open season
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All other moose hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 17 are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner



By delegation to: James D. Woolington
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game and Federal Subsistence Board authorized a winter moose hunting season of up to 14 days for antlered bulls in GMU 17(A). A 14-day hunt was offered in December, but travel conditions and moose distribution are believed to have affected hunter success rates. Preliminary reports indicate that six to eight bulls were harvested during the December season. Aerial surveys indicated that there were at least 1,166 moose in GMU 17(A) when the population was surveyed in March 2011. High rates of moose calf production and survival observed since the survey indicate that the population can sustain additional harvests. Because there is a large surplus of animals, a second 14-day, moose season is being offered in GMU 17(A).

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